



# **MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY**

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## **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** The Governing Board

**FROM:** Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Executive Officer

**DATE:** November 1, 2004

**SUBJECT: Agenda Item IX: Consideration of resolution authorizing the acceptance of a grant from the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy to acquire property in the Long and Nellus Canyon Wildlife Corridor project area, Soledad Canyon, unincorporated Los Angeles County.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing the acceptance of a grant from the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy to acquire property in the Long and Nellus Canyon Wildlife Corridor project area, Soledad Canyon, unincorporated Los Angeles County.

Background: At its September 8, 2004 meeting, the Governing Board authorized the acquisition of the following parcels in the Long and Nellus Canyon tributaries of the Santa Clara River and a small sliver of the Santa Clara River itself: 3210-005-005, 011, 012, 013, 014, 015, 017, 018, 022, 023, 024, and 025; 3210-006-001, 004, 005, 006, and 007; 3210-008-022.

That resolution authorized the use of in lieu mitigation funds to acquire the subject properties and it authorized the acceptance of additional funds and grants necessary to complete the acquisitions. This action by the MRCA to authorize acceptance of grant funds from the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) may thus be redundant. Nonetheless the RMC has taken an important action to partner with the MRCA and the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy to acquire property in the upper Santa Clara River watershed. The probable grant amount from the RMC will be between \$100,000 and \$110,000. The RMC funding is critical to acquire two ownerships in the immediate future. Escrow is open on 220 acres of the above property. Depending on when the RMC money is available, the money will go into this Schweitzer Trust purchase or into the next purchase of the parcels that abut the Santa Clara River.

